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## HENDERSON

# Happy days are here again

by Moira McCullough

Nostalgia by the truckload and heaps of fun are on the agenda for Henderson High School's 50th Jubilee celebrations at Queen's Birthday weekend.

The event has the theme of 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow' and chair of the Jubilee

Committee Mary Harrison says more than 1400 former and current pupils and staff are expected to join in the festivities.

"We have registrations from all over New Zealand and also from Australia, Canada and the United States. Response has been excellent," Mary says.

While Mary's not spilling the beans about



**FIRST STAFF:** Henderson High School foundation staff in 1953. Peter Allen (pictured third from back row left) went on to become principal of the school and will be at the 50th Jubilee celebrations.



**JUBILEE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Mary Harrison in her old Henderson High School blazer.



**PAST AND PRESENT:** Cutting the cake at the 45th school reunion, pictured from left to right: current principal Owen Hoskin, Peter Allen (principal 1965-78) and Doug Lilly (principal 1979-86).

famous faces taking part during the weekend, she admits there are many Henderson High School old boys and girls who've made it to the top and represented their country in soccer, rugby and netball as well as business and music.

"My lips are sealed for now! We had a good turnout for the 25th Jubilee, a great turnout for the 45th and we're going to have a fabulous 50th Jubilee," she says.

Special guests include Peter Allen, a foundation staff member in 1953 and the school's principal from 1965-1978, former principal Doug Lilly (1979-1986) and Owen Hoskin, principal since 1998 until present. The school's first head girl Elaine Matthews (nee Ngakura), who now lives in the Hokianga, will also be a guest speaker.

Highlights during the weekend will include a 'cavalcade of fashions' through the decades

with current pupils school uniforms, a sports afternoon, dinner-dance and mountains of reminiscing.

"We're planning to glean as much information from the 'remember when' stories to put into a school year book," Mary says. Lunches throughout the weekend's events will be available from the school Tuck Shop.

**What:** Henderson High School 50th Jubilee  
**Where:** Henderson High School (dinner dance on Saturday night at North Harbour Stadium)  
**When:** Friday May 30-Sunday June 1  
**More information on registration and costs:** Phone 838 9085  
**email:** [www.hhs.school/jubilee.html](http://www.hhs.school/jubilee.html)

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